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FOR: "Method For Enzymatic Preparation
Of Homogentisate"Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action of October 26, 2002, the time for a response to which has been extended to and through March 26, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 9 and 10 without prejudice.

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1. (amended) Method for enzymatic preparation of homogentisate (HMO) from 4-hydroxypyruvate (HPP), characterized in that it consists in carrying out in a plant cell modified to produce a first suitable enzyme that converts HPP to 4-hydroxyphenylacetate (HPA) and a second suitable enzyme that converts HPA into HMO, the following enzymatic reactions: